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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 as follows:

As shown in FIG. 2, wheel assembly 10 may be part of a bolt-on wheel and trolley construction, where the wheel assembly 10 is bolted to a trolley arm 18 via a bolt 20 or other fastener-20. The hub portion 14 is thus secured to the arm portion 18, whereby wheel portion 12 rotates about hub portion 14 as the wheel assembly 10 and arm 18 travels along an I-beam 22 or the like of a trolley conveyor system. Optionally, as shown in FIG. 3, the wheel assembly of the present invention may be part of a swaged wheel to trolley construction, where the trolley arm 18' is secured to the hub portion 14 via a flared portion 18a' engaging a correspondingly formed region 14a of hub portion 14. Other means of connecting the wheel assembly to a trolley arm may be implemented, without affecting the scope of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 28 as follows:

Sliding member 217 comprises a generally toroidal-shaped ring which has a generally circular or rounded cross section and defines a radially protruding mating surface 217a which engages or mates or fits within correspondingly formed recesses or grooves or channels defined circumferentially around and between the inner and outer insert portions 216a, 216b. However, the ring portions or members may comprise other shaped rings having different cross sectional forms, such as a partial circular form or an oval form or other longitudinally curved or rounded or non-flat or uneven form having at least one radial protrusion or radially protruding or extending portion, with the insert portions being correspondingly formed to generally uniformly engage the ring portion, without affecting the scope of the present invention. The sliding member or ring portion 217 may comprise a metallic material and may be coated with a low friction coating (such as discussed above) and slidably engages the inserts 216a, 216b, which may comprise a plastic or polymeric or thermoplastic material (such as also discussed above). The inserts or insert portions 216a,

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216b may be generally fixedly secured to the hub and wheel portions 214, 212, respectively. Optionally, the insert portions 216a, 216b may comprise a low coefficient of friction thermoplastic material, such as discussed above. Optionally, the insert and/or ring portions may comprise a metallic material, a plastic or polymeric material or other suitable materials, such as discussed above, without affecting the scope of the present invention.